

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2364 – HB 2554

April 8, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Department of Transportation (TDOT) to make provisions for a person to report litterers via text message.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$500/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/Highway Fund

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 54-1-402, the Litter Prevention and Control Program may include as one of its components a process by which citizens can report directly to TDOT instances of persons littering from motor vehicles onto the state's roads and highways. The process may provide the capability for citizens to report litterers online by means of the completion of a standard form, the form to be accessed via the Internet from the program's web site. TDOT may also make provisions for citizens to report litterers via e-mail and a toll-free telephone line.
- It is not currently possible to integrate TDOT's current hotline with a texting option. However, TDOT can provide the Highway Beautification Office with a state cell phone and have that number published. This will result in an estimated recurring increase in state expenditures to the Highway Fund of \$548 in FY20-21 and subsequent years.
- Handling of the texted reports can be managed with existing TDOT personnel.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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